

## Andrew Jackson to John Reid, February 8, 1814, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

Fort Strother, February 8, 1814.

*D'r Sir,* Since you left me the daily expresses from every point has kept me so busy, I could not write you. a speedy movement is required by the late advices from Genl. Pinckney, and a chain of post is established between this and head quarters, to facilitate the intelligence and orders from head quarters. This looks like dispatch. I hope I will be able to meet his views by making a speedy movement. I have ordered the quartermasters to try the strength of the country—put in requisition every waggon that can be got, to bring up the supplies. I fear the contractors will disappoint me in part, but general Pinckney has promised me a partial supply on the Tallapoossee. I hope this will remedy any Deficiency of the contractors and quartermasters. Colo. Williams has recd. orders from Genl. Flouronoy to repair to Neworleans 1 I ha[ve] detained him here for the orders of Genl. Pinckney. If he is taken from me my whole prop is gone—and I will have to risque my charector and the publick service upon raw and inexperienced troops again, commanded by perhaps raw and inexperienced officers. I am fearfull but few of my guards will return. I have one consolation, I will have Capt. David Smith, and Capt. Cavanaugh of the old Volunteers again, and perhaps Molton and Baskerville, who at any time will be able on a charge to break the enemy. I have missed you very much—have been verry unwell, and kept continually writing. I wish you here as soon as your business will permit you; a movement I will make on the 20th or 25th at farthest, unless my quartermasters entirely neglect their duty. With respects to your lady and Major Murry 2 and family I am D'r Sir yrs. respectfully

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1 See vol. I., p. 458. Flournoy was Jackson's predecessor in the command of the 7th Military District.

2 Maury.